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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has amended the title, specification and drawings as recommended by the Examiner, and has also amended the claims to more particularly point out the invention. Applicant requests the USPTO to reconsider and allow this application in view of the amendments.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable claims, but notes that it is the combination of elements recited in each claim as a whole that defines the invention claimed therein.

All outstanding issues have been addressed and this application is in condition for allowance. Should any minor issues remain outstanding, the Examiner should contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below so they can be resolved expeditiously without need of a further written action.

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